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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
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Re: Comments on NPRM RM-11828

I firmly support the ARRL's petition to grant Technician Class License holders phone privileges at 3.900 to 4.000 MHz, 7.225 to 7.300 MHz, and 21.350 to 21.450 MHz and RTTY and digital privileges in current Technician allocations on 80, 40, 15, and 10 meters for several reasons.

As president of the Exeter-West Greenwich Amateur Radio Club K1EWG and mentor to many school-aged children, I often serve as control operator for students using a variety of bands and modes that my General Class License grants me permission to utilize. Some students are particularly interested in HF communications, some are interested in VHF/UHF and MW communications, and some are interested in both. I find it frustrating that we have an introductory license that doesn't provide an introduction to many interesting aspects of the hobby, especially those that allow long distance communication. I have to tell my students that are interested in HF Voice and Digital communications that they need to pass two exams in order to do what they are interested in on their own, whereas the students interested in VHF/UHF and MW only need to pass one.

As District Emergency Coordinator for Kent County in the Rhode Island Amateur Radio Emergency Service, I see advantages in allowing Technician License holders access to the HF frequencies in question. This petition would significantly increase the operating capability of Technician Class members by allowing them to participate in HF exercises, drills and activations, which in turn might incentivize some to upgrade.

As an Amateur Radio Operator, I support any initiative that increases participation in the hobby. I have read some comments that take issue with the ARRL's position and point to the number of license holders. While it might be true that the number of licenses has increased, that does not necessarily address the activity of those license holders. I know many Technicians who have an HT and rarely ever use it, and even a few who have never used their license. I have read other comments that express concerns about how this step is counter-productive to the incentive program. I disagree wholeheartedly with those sentiments. Allowing a Technician Class License holder the freedom to experience many interesting aspects of the service that they cannot utilize now is probably one of the best ways to convince them that it is worth upgrading to a General Class License.

Respectfully,

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